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Manufacture of Uniforms for the Armed Forces

1. Prior to early 1955, military uniforms for the Bulgarian Armed Forces were manufactured in a number of individual tailoring shops. As far as can be determined, one shop was attached to each division of the Army, and was responsible for the supply of uniforms to that division. However, in early 1955, the responsibility was centralized and the work was taken over by three large factories established for that purpose in Sofia, Plovdiv, and Kolarovgrad.
2. The factory in Sofia, reportedly the largest of the three, is located on Serdika Street, in the center of the city. In addition to the regular working areas on the various floors of the building, the factory contains a number of rooms for temporary storage purposes, as well.
3. These three factories employ a total of approximately 600 workers, and manufacture regular dress uniforms as well as field and fatigue clothes. The older, foot-pedal sewing machines, which were standard equipment in the factories until a few months ago, have been replaced with electric machines, and the cutting machinery is now electrically operated also.
4. Recently, 45 women employees were informed that they were to be dismissed as of 1 January 1956.

Restriction of Production of Textile Cooperatives

5. Effective November 1955, textile cooperatives have been directed to keep the level of output strictly within limits set by the production plan. Since production capacities have been considerably expanded in compliance with constant official exhortations to increase output, the cooperatives will be forced into a retrenchment, either by operating only a three or four day week, or by discharging 40 to 50 percent of their employees.

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